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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:PORG, US, UN

SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO WALDHEIM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 19  
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM  
CONCERNING CONTACT GROUP TALKS WITH SWAPO WHICH YOU  
MAY DELIVER TO WALDHEIM IN LAGOS. ORIGINAL WILL BE  
SENT TO USUN FOR DELIVERY TO SECRETARIAT.

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

I HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE  
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SECURITY COUNCIL, AND I AM PLEASED WITH THE EVIDENCE  
OF PROGRESS TOWARD AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE  
SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA QUESTION.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION, NOW AT THIS POINT IN THE  
NEGOTIATIONS, WOULD APPEAR ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT. SWAPO  
WANTS THE UNITED NATIONS TO PLAY AN AUTHORITATIVE AND

EFFECTIVE ROLE THROUGHOUT THE POLITICAL TRANSITION TO  
ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THAT PROCESS. I BELIEVE THAT

SWAPO'S CONFIDENCE CAN BEST BE WON IF YOU AND YOUR  
STAFF DEFINE IN DETAIL THE ROLE WHICH THE UN SHOULD  
PLAY DURING THE TRANSITION. SWAPO HAS INDICATED  
THAT, IF YOU SHOULD RAISE THE MATTER, IT WOULD HAVE  
NO OBJECTION TO YOUR INITIATING CONTINGENCY PLANNING  
FOR THIS ROLE. I BELIEVE YOUR DOING SO WOULD ENHANCE  
THE LIKELIHOOD OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA.  
YOU CAN DEPEND ON THE FULL COOPERATION OF OUR DELEGATION  
IN ANY CONTINGENCY PLANNING YOU MAY UNDERTAKE.  
END TEXT. DECON ON RECEIPT.

CHRISTOPHER

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